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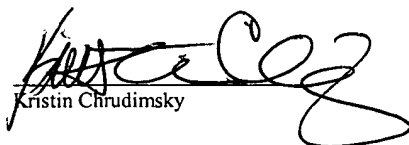
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Non-U.S. Patent Documents

1. Canon Inc., Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 09-093523, April 4, 1997 (English abstract provided);
2. Lexar Media Inc., Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-510634, August 15, 2000, National Phase of PCT No. WO 9944113, (English abstract provided);
3. Lexar Media Inc., PCT No. WO 9944113, September 2, 1999;
4. Memory Corp., Japanese Publication No. 2002-537596, November 5, 2002, National Phase of PCT No. WO 0049488, (English abstract provided); and
5. Memory Corp., PCT No. WO 0049488, August 24, 2000.

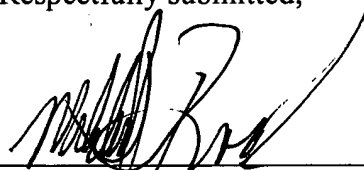
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Respectfully submitted,



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